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We had a briefing at the Talleyrand this morning, the chief subject being whether the American armed forces in Europe could use atomic weapons without express permission from our allies. The decision was to leave such a determination in its present murky state.

I had a long talk with Bob Bowie today. He feels the situation in Germany is deteriorating rapidly. The different interpretations placed by the French and German Governments in order to sway opinion in their respective Parliaments in favor of the Saar accords have troubled this situation.

E., Bob and I went out to dinner tonight with the Gruenthers. There was much brass there, and pleasant conversation. The dinner was in honor of our chief delegates (excluding Foster, who was engaged elsewhere) to the NATO Conference.

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